Andhra Pradesh Report on Flood Damages on National Highways

1941. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY :
SHRI TALARI MANOHAR :
PROF, C LAKSHMANNA :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh have sent the report to the Central Government regarding the flood damages on National Highways in the month of July 1989; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRIHNAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) on receipt of flood damages reports from the State Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, release of Rs. 50.00 lakhs was made for immediate restoration of affected National Highways. Further out of 13 estimates received from the State Government, after scrutiny, six estimates amounting to Rs. 117.85 lakhs have been sanctioned and sanctions for six more estimates amounting to Rs. 124.48 lakhs are being issued.

Non-inclusion of Names in Voters List in Bodella (Phase -II), Delhi

1942. SHRI T.R. BALU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the names of large number of eligible voters living for about a year in hundreds of flats of Coop. Group Housing Societies in Bodella (Phase-II), Outer Delhi, have not been included in the voters' list despite the Concerned Societies writing to the Chief Electoral Officer; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not including their names in the Voters' list and depriving these voters of their fundamental right to franchise?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) and (b) A complaint to this effect from a group housing society has come to notice. However, the electoral rolls in Delhi were revised on the basis of Survey conducted in February, 1989. On this crucial date the flats in question were not occupied. These flats came to be occupied in May 89. The electoral rolls so prepared were displayed at about 440 centres and the left out persons were given an opportunity to file claims for inclusion in the electoral rolls in April-May, 89. But no claim was received from the residenets of the Housing Society. Election Commissioner ordered a special revision of the Rolls for 1990 in the U.T. of Delhi for their updating on the basis of claims received during 20-12-89 to 2-1-90. Even then no application was filed. The complaint of the Society was received in the Office of the Election Officer on 23-1-90 *i.e.* subsequent to the date prescribed. Election Office has opened a counter for receiving claims and objections for inclusion of names in the Electoral Rolls.

Arrangements for Dr. Nelson Mandela's visit to India

1943. SHRI T.R. BALU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what arrangements have been made to receive Dr. Nelson Mandela, the leader of ANC; and

(b) what amount has been provided for his reception?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) A National Reception Committee of about 175 prominent Indians, drawn from all regions, political parties and walks of life, has been formed. A working Group of the Committee too was constituted for directing its activities.

(b) Adequate funds will be provided for his reception as and when necessary.

Discretionary Powers of Governors

1944. SHRI T.R. BALU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to curtail the discretionary powers of Governors in forming the Ministries in the States; and

(b) if so, by when the decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Amendment of Constitution in pursuance of Sarkaria Commission Recommendations

1945. SHRI T.R. BALU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to amend the Constitution as recommended by the Sarkaria Commission; and

(b) if so, when ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) and (b) As at present, there is no proposal before the Government to amend the Constitution on the recomendations of the Commission.

New Treaty with Sri Lanka

1946. SHRI T. R. BALU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to sign a new treaty with Sri Lanka; and

(b) if so, the nature of the treaty?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) (a) and (b) The Sri Lanka Government has proposed a Friendship Treaty, modelled on the Indo-Soviet Treaty, to replace the Letters Exchanged on 29th July, 1987 at the time of the signing of the Indo-Sri Lanka Agreement. Government has conveyed its willingness in principle to sign such Treaty to accommodate Sri Lanka's request if a mutually agreed text can be negotiated.

Widening of National Highway between Vijayawada and Chilakaluripeta

1947. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to widen the National Highway between Vijayawada and Chilakaluripeta in Andhra Pradesh; if so, what is the cost involved therein and by when the project is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): Yes, Sir. Estimate for survey, investigation and project preparation of 4-laning Chilakaluripeta-Guntur-Vijayawada Section having a length of 82.95 Kms.